

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 4, 2008 In response to the Office Action's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect Group I Claims 1-14 and 21, drawn to an endoscopic imaging apparatus comprising an ultrasonic transducer within the distal end thereof without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, clearly define statutory subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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